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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 547
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Weakley County
Commissioner and former Sharon Mayor,
George Henry Broussard.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Weakley County Commissioner and former Sharon Mayor, George Henry Broussard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was an outstanding public servant, astute businessman, and ingenious farmer; throughout his political career, he diligently safeguarded the interests and welfare of the people he represented; and

WHEREAS, born July 28, 1935 in Louisiana, he was the loving son of Eunice Hebert Broussard and Alside Broussard, Jr.; he grew up in Delcambre, Louisiana with his three brothers and six sisters; later, he attended college and worked on a farm in Northern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, George Broussard, and his wife, Glenda Lee, moved to Sharon over thirty years ago and became the proud owners of Sharon Hardware and Furniture, which is now

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known as Sharon Furniture and Appliance; although he was an astute businessman, his greatest love was farming and in 1975, he followed his heart and sold his store; and

WHEREAS, pursuing his interest in agriculture, Mr. Broussard purchased land throughout Weakley County, which he prepared for farming and duck hunting; a diverse and innovative farmer, he also leased 10,000 acres of land in British Honduras for use as rice farms; and

WHEREAS, seeing government as a way to make a positive difference in his community, George Henry Broussard ran for public office and was elected to the Weakley County Commission; as a County Commissioner representing the people of District 5, he served with the utmost diligence and probity from 1978 to 1982 and from 1986 until his death; and

WHEREAS, during his nineteen years of distinguished service as a commissioner, he was a significant participant in numerous projects and committees, including serving as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, a member of the Capital Projects Committee, and a member of the Beer Board; and

WHEREAS, George Broussard was elected Mayor of Sharon in 1979, a position in which he served with distinction for eight years; a progressive and dynamic leader, he implemented and supported numerous projects and programs that improved the quality of life of his fellow citizens; as mayor, he was a great supporter of the efforts to reestablish Sharon High School; and

WHEREAS, a vital member of his community, Mr. Broussard contributed his time and energies to numerous civic organizations; he served on the Advisory Committee of the West Tennessee River Basin, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Tennessee Development District, and the Policy Council of the Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency; and

WHEREAS, George Henry Broussard was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his wife, Glenda Lee Broussard; his son, Stewart Lee Broussard; his mother, Eunice Hebert Broussard; his sisters, Betty Lou Wall, Laura David, Florence Duhon, Estelle Soileau, and Helen Fontenot; and his brothers, Edwin Broussard, Robert J. Broussard, and Stephen A. Broussard; and

WHEREAS, George Broussard was preceded in death by his father, Alside Broussard, Jr. and his sister, Grace Fleming; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was a faithful member of the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, he enjoyed being in the out-of-doors surrounded by the land he loved; an avid sportsman and duck hunter, he was also a gourmet chef of Cajun cuisine; he was especially adept at preparing duck gumbo, which he was fond of cooking for his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, men of George Henry Broussard's eminent stature do not often walk among us; his imprint upon his community and its citizenry is truly indelible; his life of service and good will stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life and many achievements of this exceptional public servant, family man, farmer, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Weakley County Commissioner and former Sharon Mayor George Henry Broussard, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his vivacious and generous spirit, his remarkable accomplishments in business and government, and his immeasurable contributions to the city of Sharon and Weakley County, as we celebrate the beauty and joy that was his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Broussard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.